

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed June 3, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Applicant would like to acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Particularly, claims 1-9 and 15-19 are allowable.

Claims 11 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 10, 12 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15-19 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

The Drawings have been objected to for correction of the "prior art" designation on Figure 1. Applicant submits herewith a proposed drawings change, in red ink, for the Examiner's approval. In particular, applicant has added the legend "prior art" to Figure 1.

Claims 10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,854,654 to Zwahlen et al. ('654 patent). Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice, and claim 10 has been amended to recite the use of the optical signal frequency to identify a particular camera from a plurality of cameras. Support for this amendment can be found in the application at page 5, lines 8-13. No new matter has been added.

The '654 patent describes a system and a method for high frequency transmission of television shots and control signals to remotely control individual cameras. In particular, the '654 patent discloses a highly precise spatially defined data transfer system. For the purpose of spatial localization of several devices, active

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infrared tags 50 are used that internally generate infrared light (see col. 6, lines 47-52). Information is transferred by periodic blinking of infrared pulses (see col. 8, lines 63-66). The pulsing sequence of the tags are used to identify a location and transfer identification information and other data (see col. 9, lines 11-12).

The '645 patent, however, fails to disclose or suggest using the frequency of emitted optical signals to identify a device, or more particularly, a particular camera among a plurality of cameras, as claimed in amended claim 10. In the spectral range of visible light, different frequencies correspond to different colors (see page 5, lines 12-13).


Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,854,654 to Zwahlen et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,793,630 to Theimer et al. Claim 11 has been canceled. With respect to claims 12 and 13, these claims depend from claim 10, and for at least the reasons cited above are believed to be patentable over the prior art. Neither Zwahlen et al, nor Theimer et al, taken singly or in any combination disclose or suggest the use of frequency of the optical signal as the means to identify the device (i.e., a particular camera in a plurality of cameras). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of June 3, 2004 be withdrawn, that all pending claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15-19 be allowed, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

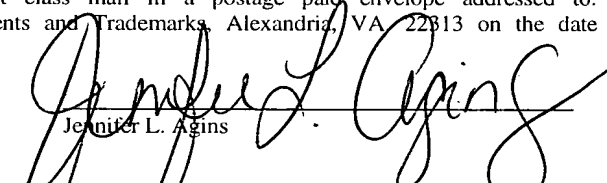
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It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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